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## **MGM Organizes ‘Celebrity Chef Graham Elliot Sharing Session– Creativity X Gastronomy’**

*Promoting the Integration of Creativity with Local Food Culture*

**[July 25, 2018, MACAU]**, MGM is bringing innovative dining concepts to showcase Macau’s dynamic culinary scene and support the city as a global destination through its two properties, MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI. At the beginning of the year, an exchange session on how to enhance the city’s gastronomic development with art and cultural elements was taken place between one of MGM COTAI’s consulting celebrity chefs, Chef Graham Elliot, and the Task Group for the Promotion of Gastronomy and Cultural Industries of The Committee of Cultural Industries of Macao SAR Government. Taking this initiative to the next level, MGM organized the “Celebrity Chef Graham Elliot Sharing Session– Creativity X Gastronomy” on July 25.

The sharing session was held at the Macao Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre, where over 100 local young entrepreneurs got up close and personal with the chef. During the sharing session, Chef Graham shared his personal journey as a chef and a television personality from popular cooking show Top Chef, and his experience in cooking. He also shed lights on the latest culinary trends in Macau and the world, as well as discussed with participants how to integrate creativity with gastronomy, adding uniqueness to the culinary landscape of Macau.

To gain an in-depth understanding of Macau’s creative industries and food culture, Chef Graham visited some creative lifestyle shops, restaurants run by young entrepreneurs, and traditional shops in the old Macau neighborhoods of Rua dos Ervanários and Rua de Cinco de Outubro. The visit was led by Prof. Hsu Hsiu Chu, Vice President of The Committee of Cultural Industries, and Group Convener of Task Group for the Promotion of Gastronomy and Cultural Industries of The Committee of Cultural Industries of Macao SAR Government, Ho Ka Lon and Fortes Pakeong Sequeira, members of The Committee of Cultural Industries, and Lei Cheok Kuan, President of the Industry and Commerce Federation of Macau Central and Southern District.

“This is my fifth or sixth visit to Macau and I have witnessed that Macau places more focus in its food culture. In this tiny little place, we have many top chefs of the world as well as numerous small family-run restaurants, making Macau’s food culture soulful and celebrated. I always like to go to the Red Market in search of local ingredients for the sake of bringing me new inspirations for my dishes,” said Chef Graham Elliot. “I found the young generation of Macau passionate and hardworking. I hope they can step out of their comfort zone and have



more exposure in order to inspire creativity, just as what I did coming from the States to Macau.”

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MGM MACAU is a Forbes Five-Star luxury integrated resort inspired by the arts with every element of the resort infused with creativity and style. MGM MACAU has approximately 600 guest rooms and suites and boasts a number of distinguishing features, including the architecturally stunning European-inspired Grande Praça, housed under a soaring glass ceiling. MGM MACAU’s world class facilities include the MGM Art Space, dedicating over 5,000 square feet to display authentic works of art, conference and event facilities, spa, and seven signature restaurants and bars to fulfill any gastronomic craving. Our property is conveniently located on the Macau Peninsula and is directly connected to the luxury retail shopping complex, One Central.

MGM COTAI is the latest addition to the MGM portfolio in China. Designed as the “jewelry box” of Cotai, it offers approximately 1,400 hotel rooms and suites, meeting space, high end spa, retail offerings and food and beverage outlets as well as the first international Mansion at MGM for the ultimate luxury experience. MGM COTAI also offers Asia’s first dynamic theater and a spectacle to wow every guest who steps foot in the resort. MGM COTAI is developed to drive greater product diversification and bring more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau as it grows as a global tourist destination. MGM COTAI is the largest property and the first mega-size complex project in Macau to achieve the China Green Building Design Label Three-Star Certification.

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